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pleasure therein."

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament show-  
eth his handy-work."

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## P R E F A C E .

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This volume is the result of the Author's conviction of the need of such a work. On being called to teach in the department of Natural Theology, he found no Text-Book in use in the Institution, and on inquiry, none was found in the market, which appeared to be sufficiently adapted to the instruction of a class in College, to justify its introduction. The consequence was, the work of instruction was undertaken by means of original Lectures. This process revealed what all experienced teachers have found to be true; namely, that it is difficult for most students to come to their recitations with good lessons, from the hearing of a Lecture, read to them one or two days previously, without a Text-Book, that they can carry with them into their private study. To remove this difficulty, the Lectures, first read to a class, have been revised, and published in this convenient form.

On the subject of merit, the Author will leave these brief pages to speak for themselves, only stating that they teach what he earnestly believes, and that he intends nothing but good in giving them to the public.

It will be observed by every attentive reader, both Christian and Skeptic, that it has been the Author's design to elaborate a system of Natural Theology, in

harmony with Revealed Religion. This appears to him to be best calculated to secure the two most important ends to be reached by any systematic embodiment of the principles of Natural Theology.

1. If the effort shall prove a success, a clear exhibition of the harmony between Natural and Revealed Religion, will remove much prejudice against Natural Theology as a science, and exalt it in the estimation of the Christian public.

2. Such an exhibition of Natural Theology will tend to lead Skeptics, who are interested in the study of Natural Religion, to examine the Scriptures, by which they will be compelled to admit that the Scriptures teach the truth, so far as Natural Religion reaches, or that their boasted Reason plays falsely. The Author is a believer in the Divine Inspiration of the Scriptures, and has made them the subject of his most intense study for half a century. Of course he cannot ignore his Christian faith, in writing a small treatise on Natural Theology.

With these remarks, his work is committed to the judgment of a candid public, hoping that it will be found, as the Author intends it, to promote truth, and supply a want in our Educational Interests.

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# NATURAL THEOLOGY.

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## LECTURE I.

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THE SCIENCE DEFINED, THE FIELD IT OCCUPIES  
MARKED OUT, AND ITS UTILITY INDICATED.

### I. *The Science of Natural Theology Defined.*

The word Theology is derived from two Greek words, *Theos*, God, and *Logos*, Discourse ; hence, Theology denotes a discourse relating to God ; but in usage, it signifies the science which treats of the existence, attributes, character and government of God, including the obligations and duties of men as God's creatures, and the subjects of his moral government.

The word Natural, as a prefix to Theology, stands opposed to Supernatural ; hence, Natural Theology is the science of God, as derived from the revelations of Nature, without a supernatural revelation, such as is believed to be contained in the Scriptures. If the Scriptures are true, and have been derived in the manner which they claim for